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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Attili *et al*

Appl. No.: 09/824,844

Filed: April 2, 2001

For: Tracing Layer-2 Route in Networks Based on  
Broadcast Medium

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Atty. Docket: CSCO-007/3484

**Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Sailaja S K ATTILI, declare as follows:

1. I and Mr. Sridhar ASWATHNARAYAN are the coinventors of claims 1-45 pending in the above-identified patent application.

2. Prior to January 24, 2001, we conceived the idea of tracing layer-2 route in networks based on broadcast medium, as described and claimed in our application. On a date prior to January 24, 2001, we submitted the idea to the legal department of Cisco Systems, Inc., my employer at that time (Exhibit A, which is copy of a portion of a report (redacted in parts) generated from a database used to maintain the status of various patent applications and patents filed by Cisco Systems, Inc.).

3. The idea was approved for filing as a patent application on a date prior to January 24, 2001, and assigned to Mr. Narendra R. Thappeta (attorney of record) on January 16, 2001(Exhibit A).

4. Mr. Thappeta forwarded us a first draft of the patent application on March 12, 2001, as

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evidenced by exhibit B.

5. Mr. Thappeta forwarded to us the patent application as approved for filing and the documents requiring our signatures on March 28, 2001, as evidenced by exhibit C.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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